

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I think that Michael Powell's comments:
("I don't know of any precedent in which the commission could do that," Powell said in response to a letter from 18 Democratic senators, adding: "I think that would be an absolute disservice to the First Amendment, and I think it would be unconstitutional if we attempted to do so.")

show a complete lack of leadership and understanding of his role as head of the FCC. There may be no precedent because this type of abuse has not been attempted previously.

I expect more from the FCC and more from our government.

Thank you.